

## Passing of Gloria Singletary

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It is with a sense of abiding sadness, but deeply profound appreciation, that I write to let you know of the passing this afternoon of Gloria Singletary.

Along with her husband, Dr. Otis Singletary, the two of them were for many people the embodiment of our institution for nearly two decades. They arrived at UK in the late 1960s -- a time of turmoil and restlessness for our campus and our country. With patience, intellect and resolve -- and always a sense of charm and grace -- the two of them, together, led UK through a period of tremendous growth and progress. In many ways, they helped create and define the University of Kentucky as a modern, public research university -- one committed to excellence in education, research and service.

As a first-rank historian, Dr. Singletary understood the promise this institution represents to Kentucky. Mrs. Singletary, as his partner, understood how important and deeply held our traditions and sense of history are for so many Kentuckians. Mary Lynne had the honor of meeting Mrs. Singletary shortly after our arrival in Lexington. After a lovely afternoon at Mrs. Singletary's home near here, Mary Lynne simply said, 'that's a grand lady.' Indeed, she was.

We are all -- as members of this campus community -- so much better and richer for having her with us.

Sincerely,

Eli and Mary Lynne Capilouto